



# The Trinity Truth

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## Reformation Conversations

These past few days for me have been filled with wonderful conversations. I have been meeting with our Search Committee as they have interviewed a number of candidates for the Director of Family Ministry position. Though not every candidate perfectly fit our qualifications and our congregation, all of them were dedicated servants of Jesus Christ and of the church. This

Is what made these conversations so special.

It is always a joy to talk to others about our Savior. When we speak to those who are not part of the faith, we introduce them to the love that our Lord has for them. We bring them a gift that will never be found anywhere else in this world. If our conversation is with another believer, we find at once how much we have in common. Our conversations reflect the praise and celebration that is ours through faith in the Lord Jesus. Both kinds of conversation are a blessing. Both are an inspired Christian witness. One kind can lead to faith, and the other can strengthen faith.

Again this October we will celebrate a unique conversation that began almost 500 years ago. A single German monk by the name of Martin Luther began to speak to others about Jesus. He spoke not the words of church history, or common folk religion. He spoke the clear words of Holy Scripture. He talked about God's love shared through His only Son. He talked about the reality of forgiveness and the certainty of salvation. His words strengthened the faith of many believers in his day. His words also brought many others into a saving faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus. It was a very blessed conversation.

We have inherited this Reformation Conversation. In our day and age, it is not enough simply to mark and celebrate the historic date. We must join in the conversation. Our inspired witness to each other and to others is the blessing God seeks to bring to the world. Let the words flow. Let the faith be celebrated. Let our witness be shared. Let the name of Jesus be heard. Let the Reformation conversation continue.

Pastor Tom

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## ***...from the Head Elder***

It's been kind of quiet since my last newsletter article. I am anxiously waiting for the small remodeling job to get completed at church. I understand that our contractor was in an automobile accident and that will postpone the starting date for a while. Hopefully he will heal up and be able start on our project soon. Please consider a monetary donation for this project if you haven't already.

I was told that the Family Ministry Committee was going to conduct several telephone interviews Sunday, Sept 20. It sounds like they are narrowing down the field of candidates and will be able to present to us a final candidate pretty soon. That is exciting !!!

At our last Church Council Meeting we were reminded that a nominating committee was needed to find people to run for the Church Council in December. I'm not sure what offices are open but I hope everyone will consider a position. Wouldn't it be nice if the nominating committee had an abundance of volunteers for these positions.

I hope you all have a great month. Please pray for our church, our Pastor, and our entire congregation. God Bless.

Dave Luppess  
Head Elder

### **Director of Family Ministry Search Committee Update**

What started as a list of over 50 names has been prayerfully reduced to 24 and now to 8. Beginning this week the committee will begin brief phone interviews to learn more about each of the candidates and for them to learn more about our congregation.

Through your prayers, God has provided open hearts to receive and consider this opportunity. Trinity Lutheran is blessed in that, while many churches are reducing staff, your prayers and gifts are providing help, hope, and proof of God's faithfulness.

Your prayers are more important than ever as we work to discern God's choice for this position. God willing, we will with great joy be able to present to you our final candidates in the near future.

***"Soli Deo gloria"*** - Glory to God Alone  
Steve Krause

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## FUNDING THE FAMILY STATUS

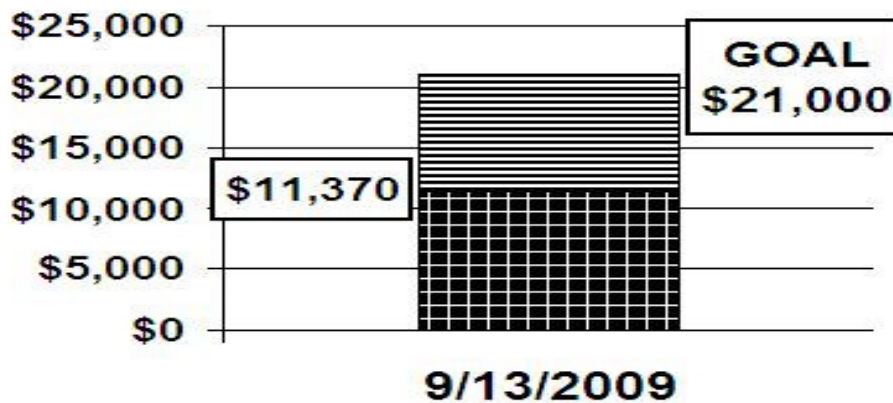
As of 9/13/09, \$11,350 of the \$21,000 needed for the three items approved at the August 16 Voters' Assembly has been so wonderfully gifted to Trinity. Our goal is to raise the following:

- \$10,000 for the remodeling necessary to provide adequate office space, conference room, and cry room
- \$10,000 to support mission work overseas
- \$500 to each of the two LCMS Seminaries

We're just over halfway toward the goal. As we look forward to receiving the remaining funds, please pray for the overseas missionary who will be the recipient of \$10,000 once it is raised. His work is vitally important as part of the process of bringing Christian writings to others in his home country who have been denied biblical teaching.

Although we aren't personally teaching the Word, it is with our support and prayers that Trinity will participate in bringing the Gospel message, first to hundreds and then, through them, to thousands.

*And how can they preach unless they are sent? "As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15*



*You are cordially invited to attend the celebration  
of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination  
of Rev. James E. Brockmann  
on Sunday, November 8, 2009  
Celebratory Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
with a Reception immediately following.*

## JOIN US FOR LWML!

LWML is the official women's auxiliary of our church body, LCMS. TLC's LWML has reorganized it's meetings and is looking for YOU to join in helping with service to others.

The next LWML meeting will be on Saturday, October 17 at 10 am. The meeting will last one hour. The meeting will begin with a devotion, followed by a short and concise business meeting (no more than 10 minutes, really!) The remainder of the time will be spent working on the VA Maternity Support Program items that are collected. We'll be putting tags and ribbons on the lotions that are collected. Refreshments will be served.

In addition to the VA Maternity Support Program, our LWML collect mite boxes, contributes small projects to Fountain View Village, and collects Stamps for Missions (see related articles).

*If you've never attended, give us a try! If you've tried us in the past, give us another chance. Hope to see you on October 17!*

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## VA Maternity Support Program

*Thank you to all who contributed to our September Storybook collection for the baby baskets given through the VA Maternity Support Program.*

Since we're alternating each month, one month for the baby baskets and one month for the moms' baskets, we'll be collecting LOTIONS for the moms' baskets in October. A good source for these would be any of the dollar stores, the travel/sample size section of Target or other similar stores, or shops that specialize in lotions.

Items should be placed in the box on the counter that is labeled for the VA Maternity Support Program, and should be brought by October 17.

Thanks, again, for your support!

# Thank You!

To my wonderful Church Family,

How can I ever thank all of you for your prayers, meals, flowers, cards, calls, and visits during my recuperation after my hip replacement.

Your kindness and support were greatly appreciated.

With Love,  
Baerbel Brown

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The deadline for the Nov. Newsletter is **Tuesday, October 20** for distribution on Sunday, October 25

***The October Calendar  
can be accessed  
elsewhere on our web site***

# October



- 01 Betty Blank  
Scott Hallock  
Kelli Pederson  
Lloyd Powers
- 03 Bob Edgren
- 08 Al Immenga
- 10 Sandy Rohrbach
- 11 Jan Visser
- 14 Al Koehlinger
- 15 Joyce Ketchum
- 16 Dawn Brown
- 17 Jamie Krause
- 20 Bob Ketchum  
Nancy Luppés
- 21 Wally Clevenger  
Pat Powers
- 22 Madison Scheidt



- 02 Arlen & Clarice Zenor
- 05 Edwin & Geraldine Feld  
Don & Nancy Thompson
- 14 Bob & Joyce Ketchum
- 15 Jack & Christine Colley  
Lloyd & Pat Powers
- 29 Leo Llames &  
Naomi Gades

## Ushers & Greeters



### **USHERS**

- Oct. 4 Fred Miller & William Sprankle
- Oct. 11 Rick & Debbie Toth
- Oct. 18 Gina Duxbury & Darrell Kahl
- Oct. 25 Pet Visser & Fred Miller

### **GREETERS**

- Oct. 4 Al & Joy Axelson
- Oct. 11
- Oct. 18
- Oct. 25



## ATTENDANCE

- Aug. 30 – 109
- Sept. 6 – 100
- Sept. 13 – 104
- Sept. 20 - 104

## **UPDATE ON OUR REMODELING PROJECT**

As a number of you already know, the approved contractor was in a serious auto accident. We've been in contact with him several times since the accident to discuss moving forward with the work. His condition, as of this writing, is such that he isn't able to transport himself to or from a work site. We should know within the next few weeks what possibilities are available to us to continue with this contractor. Please keep Steven and his family in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact Al Axelson.

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### **LWML**

#### **Stamps-for-Missions Guidelines**

**Do not** save common, airmail, postage due, pre-sorted or other small-size stamps unless they are \$1 or more.

**Do** save all foreign stamps.

**Do** save all commemorative stamps (larger than standard size).

**Do** save all stamps with a value of \$1 or more.

**Do** save entire postcards.

**Do not** pull, soak, or otherwise take stamps off the paper.

**Do not** re-glue stamps.

**Do not** save torn or creased stamps, or stamps with damaged perforations.

**Do not** save stamps on red or green envelopes.

Stamps in albums, older postcards and envelopes (from 1930 or earlier) and first day covers should be sent as they are.

Cut the stamps from envelopes with a **margin of no less than 1/4 inch around the entire stamp**. This provides a "handling area" for the collector. (Trimmed too closely, the stamp may be damaged and become worthless.) For stamps placed too close to the edge of the envelope, include part of the back side of the envelope in order to provide the full 1/4 inch or more around the entire stamp.

Please deposit your saved stamps in the large white envelope on the right-hand side of the Outreach/LWML bulletin board (just to the left of the kitchen).

We welcome participation from all members, associate members, guests, and friends of Trinity in the Stamps-for-Missions ministry. Many thanks to everyone who has already saved stamps

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### **Acolyte News**

A big THANK YOU! to all of our dedicated Acolytes. You do such an impressive job serving our Lord and assisting Pastor and the Elders.

Also....thanks to our wonderful congregation for their loving (HUGS!) support and encouragement to our acolytes.

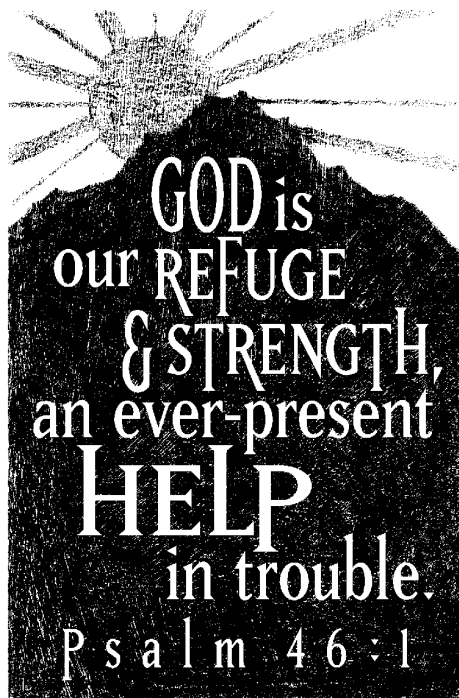
Also....to Lois Lucas, For her caring attention to clean robes, hems up or down (growing pains!), sleeves shorter or longer (growing pains!)

Also....Acolyte Moms and Dads for keeping to schedules and letting me know of changes. I so appreciate YOU.



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Return Service Requested



*Bible Studies*

Sunday morning at 10:15 am

Tuesday morning at 10:00 am  
(on hiatus, resumes in fall)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Women's Study,  
7 pm at Starbucks in Safeway

Wednesday at Noon

Thursday evening at 7 pm

Please call (480) 837-1230  
to confirm times and places.

